



DBE Supportive Services at work on Rocky Boy Reservation.



Curbing by Lapke Construction



Guardrail by OMO Construction



MDT and contractor crews working on Bozeman Road

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**DISADVANTAGED
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DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM

*Thinking about starting a
business or expanding your
business market?*

What about the Highway Industry?



Last year, approximately \$250 million dollars (were contracted for highway construction in the state of Montana. Highway construction work can consist of fencing; seeding, landscaping; traffic control; trucking hauling; guardrail or electrical work; installing cattle guards, signs and culverts; paint striping; dirt moving; or paving. There are also contracting opportunities for consultants for planning and designing the highways or building contractors for construction of highway rest areas or maintenance shops. Airport, Transit, and EPA-funded projects also encourage DBE participation.

The Montana Department of Transportation Civil Rights Bureau administers the DBE Program that includes certifying DBEs. The DBE Program provides disadvantaged businesses the opportunity to get started in the highway industry. It is a formal certification program that requires a completed application that is reviewed by the DBE Program Manager for determination.

Who's eligible for the DBE Program?



- A qualified individual must be disadvantaged both socially (women and minorities are found to be socially disadvantaged by USDOT) and economically (personal net worth less than \$750,000).
- A qualified individual must own at least 51% of the company and have unquestionable control of the company. The company must meet the SBA and DOT size standards, and be an active, for-profit, and independent business.



The DBE Supportive Services Office offers the following services to highway-related DBE-certified companies:

- ✓ Eligible for Consideration of DBE Goal Participation for MDT Projects
- ✓ Funds for Training and Business Development Expenses (\$600 per year per company)
- ✓ Access of Lending Library Material
- ✓ Access to Element K On-Line Courses
- ✓ Monthly DBE Newsletter
- ✓ One-on-One Technical and Training Assistance
- ✓ Eligible for USDOT Short-Term Financing Program
- ✓ Contracting Opportunity Announcements
- ✓ Full-Color Business Page
- ✓ Listing in DBE Directory on MDT's web site <http://www.mdt.state.mt.us/civilrights/>
- ✓ Free estimating software
- ✓ Networking opportunities
- ✓ Student Internship Assistance
- ✓ Free attendance to workshops

MDT DBE Supportive Services has sponsored various Workshops throughout the state of Montana open to all interested businesses. Workshops have included:

- Reading Highway Plans
- Bidding and Estimating
- Environmental Permits
- Blueprint Reading
- Government Contracting
- Teaming & Marketing



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**To request a Montana DBE Application
go online to**
http://www.mdt.state.mt.us/civilrights/dbeappreq_form.shtml

OR

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